

Minutes of the Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting Wednesday, October 5, 2016

Present: Peter Beaupre, Jr. (Chairman), Sara Szado, Mark Bodak

Also Present: Timothy Pascale, Director/Program Coordinator; Jeannie Guertin, Administrative Assistant

Peter called the meeting to order at 5:46 pm

Basketball evaluations will start on Tuesday, October 11. Those agreeing to evaluate are Elaine Arbour, John Arbour, Brien Couture and Steve Gordon, but we still need a few more. Sarah will reach out to see if she can get anyone else to do it. We will have to see what the numbers are for 7th/8th grade boys and girls relative to a possible waiver for Monson High School basketball.

We have permission from Larry Tassinari's family to rename Upper Rogers Field after him. Tim would like to have a design of the sign to bring before the Selectmen. John Hancock did the sign for Constantino Field at the high school and we would like to have him do the sign for Upper Rogers Field. This may have to wait since Mr. Hancock is ill. We would like to have the sign ready for the Fall of 2017.

Sara has not connected with Universal Electric regarding a quote for lights at Flynt Park. She has been contacted by Musco Sports Lighting, who tend to be expensive, and she is going to have them give us a quote. Mark talked to Mike Angelica of Collins Electric, and he hopes to have a quote from him by the end of the month.

Peter said that Cameron Daniels and Trey Yesu need to complete a fundraising project for their 7th grade class. They discussed raising money for the Parks & Rec baseball program and using the funds to purchase a safety net for Flynt Park #2. This would save a great amount of base balls from being lost. Fifty feet of fencing with appropriate hardware is \$299. They will present a proposal to Tim. If they cannot raise the total amount of money needed, Parks & Rec could supplement some of the cost.

Regarding the status of the snack shack renovation, there was a note left in the Parks & Rec drop box by Jacob Griggs with a list of materials needed, mostly paint. Jacob is planning to renovate the snack shack as an Eagle Scout project. In the past, any Eagle Scout projects done for the Parks & Rec included materials and associated costs. Jeannie will reach out to Jacob and his Eagle Coach, Mark Ducomb, to clarify and see if Jacob expects us to purchase materials.

Peter reported that there were only two Community Preservation Committee members, including himself, attending last night's meeting. As a result, there wasn't a quorum and they couldn't vote on CPC project applications, one of which is an irrigation system for Upper Rogers Field

submitted by the Parks & Rec. Evan Brassard is sending out an e-mail asking all CPC members to attend a meeting on Thursday to vote on projects

There were lines on Moriarty Field Tuesday due to soccer drills by the varsity soccer team. Lines from the same type of drill have been a problem in the past and have ruined areas of the field. Peter says it's a warm up drill for a game and asked the coach if they could come up with a different warm up drill. The coach will keep moving the drills in different areas of the field.

Tim distributed budget sheets as of September 30, from the start of the fiscal year, July 1, and said we're in pretty good shape.

The Town has received money from the insurance company to replace the playground at Flynt Park that burned down. Now a vote is needed at Town Meeting to transfer the funds to the appropriate account in order to use it to rebuild the playground.

Mark asked about the pool, and Tim said it's going well. The Dolphins Boosters are trying to raise money to replace/repair the timing mechanism used especially for swim meets.

Tim is working on a profit/loss sheet for Monson Summer Theatre. Junior Summer Theatre is in the black, but Summer Theatre has lost money. Some of this may be because of the move to Memorial Hall, which is a smaller venue, or the scheduling conflict which caused opening night to be changed to a matinee the following day. There is a meeting on December 5 to go over the Summer Theatre program.

Sara made a motion to accept the September minutes and Mark seconded. All in favor and the motion passed.

The next meeting is November 2 at 5:15 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeannie Guertin
Administrative Assistant